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Mr. F. A. Schaefer, Italian Consul, has opened a subscription list at his office, for the relief of the sufferers by the earthquake in Sicily and Southern Italy, and he will be pleased to receive any donation that may be offered for that purpose. Where immediate relief is essential and the calamity is appalling gifts should reach the sufferers as early as possible to do the most good.

No doubt this community will heartily respond to this appeal in order to share in the helpful sympathy which is world-wide, and to assist in relieving the distress consequent upon this terrible disaster.

## TURN ON THE SEARCHLIGHT.

The Advertiser trusts that the U. S. District Attorney's office will not drop the investigation of the Twelve Dollar Club until it finds where the money went for the protection of Isoli's friends during fleet week.

The Star says: "Who got this money has not yet been disclosed, but the name of the man who collected it is known, and further investigations are likely to bring disclosures which will cause considerable trouble for some members of the police department in rather high positions."

Perhaps so! And then, again, the disclosures may cause considerable trouble for some officials who are not on the police payroll though able to protect delinquents. It would be well, we think, to ascertain who was Isoli's lawyer during fleet week, how and what he was paid and for what services.

If this inquiry means business, some sensational exposures are quite certain to result.

## ROCKEFELLER'S PHILOSOPHY.

"If a combination to do business is effective in saving waste and in getting better results, why is not combination far more important in philanthropic work?" In this question is set forth the text of an article by John D. Rockefeller, head of the Standard Oil interests, published in the current issue of the World's Work. The general subject of Mr. Rockefeller's article is "The Value of the Cooperative Principle in Giving."

Mr. Rockefeller expresses the belief that the general idea of cooperation in giving for education scored "a real step in advance" when Mr. Carnegie consented to become a member of the General Education Board, "for, in accepting a position in this directory, he has, it seems to me, stamped with his approval this vital principle of cooperation in aiding the educational institutions of our country."

He goes on to describe in some detail the work of the General Education Board, which, he said, has made or is making a careful study of the location, aims, work, resources, administration and educational value, present and prospective, of the institutions of higher learning in the United States. The board, he says, makes its contribution, averaging something like \$2,000,000 a year, on the most careful comparative study of needs and opportunities throughout the country. "Its records are open to all. Many benefactors of education are availing themselves of these disinterested inquiries, and it is hoped that more will do so."

Some interesting general remarks on the subject of benevolence illuminate Mr. Rockefeller's point of view. For instance, he says:

"To help an inefficient, ill-located, unnecessary school is a waste. I am told by those who have given most careful study to this problem that it is highly probable that enough money has been squandered on unwise education projects to have built up a national system of higher education adequate to our need if the money had been properly directed to that end."

Of Roman Catholic methods, Mr. Rockefeller said that he has "seen the organization of the Roman church secure better results with a given sum of money than other church organizations are accustomed to secure from the same expenditure. It is unnecessary to dwell upon the centuries of experience which the Church of Rome has gone through to perfect a great power of organization." Commenting upon the great mass of appealing letters received, Mr. Rockefeller says that four-fifths of them are requests for money for personal use, "with no other title to consideration than that the writer would be gratified to have it."

Mr. Rockefeller pays a warm tribute to the memory of the late Dr. William R. Harper, president of the University of Chicago, and makes without qualification the statement, which will be surprising to many persons, "that during the entire period of his presidency of the University of Chicago he never once wrote me a letter or asked me personally for a dollar of money for the university." He goes on to explain that in this, as in all other cases, the gifts to the university were the result of the presentation of its needs, "made in writing by the officers of the university, whose special duty it is to prepare its budgets and superintend its finances. It is not personal interviews and impassioned appeals, but sound and justifying worth, that should attract and secure the funds of philanthropy. The people in great numbers who are constantly importuning me for personal interviews in behalf of favorite causes err in supposing that the interview, were it possible, is the best way, or even a good way, of securing what they want."

In the course of his article Mr. Rockefeller says of himself: "Criticism that is deliberate, sober and fair is always valuable and it should be welcomed by all who desire progress. I have had at least my full share of adverse criticism, but can truly say that it has not embittered me, nor left me with any harsh feeling against a living soul. Nor do I wish to be critical of those whose conscientious judgment, frankly expressed, differs from my own. No matter how noisy the pessimists may be, we know that the world is getting better steadily and rapidly, and that it is a good thing to remember in our moments of depression or humiliation."

On the monument that will yet rise, perhaps in Rome, to the Sicilian and Calabrian dead, and their ruined cities, might well be inscribed these solemn words of Shakespeare:

These our actors  
Are melted into air, thin air;  
And, like the baseless fabric of this vision,  
The cloud-capped towers, the gorgeous palaces,  
The solemn temples, the great globe itself,  
Yea, all which it inherit, shall dissolve,  
And like this insubstantial pageant faded,  
Leave not a rack behind. We are such stuff  
As dreams are made on; and our little life  
Is rounded with a sleep.

It seems to be quite in line with the proposal to beg an outsider to build a public library for Honolulu, to ask our malihini visitors to give presents on Christmas to our juvenile poor. They have done so once on their own initiative; but to urge strangers who come here in future to provide the funds for Children's Christmases, would put this town—perhaps the richest one per capita on the face of the earth—in a mendicant attitude which it should abhor. The responsibility for an annual Santa Claus fete for the little ones who have no stockings to hang at home or no homes to hang any in, should fall upon Honolulu alone, and if the Elks' lodge or any other local organization wants to lead the way when the time comes, let them have every encouragement. All we ought to ask of our guests is to view the spectacle and seek to reproduce it on occasion in their own home towns.

Mr. Makino, in the letter signed by him about the wage question, shows that the "impoverished Japanese laborers," far from being unable to pay their living expenses and save something, send half their pay, or about \$3,000,000 a year, to Japan. They are earning, at the minimum scale of \$18—a wage given the least skilful and competent among them—more than twice as much money as they could get at home and three times what they need for living expenses! At Japanese boarding-houses it costs them only one-third of their incomes to live, leaving two-thirds to be saved or sent home, less the trifling item for clothes.

Consul Schaefer's appeal for funds to assist the earthquake sufferers should meet a generous response. There is great need and the help called for is commensurate with it. All Europe is going to the rescue, and American cities, from one of which we have heard, are presumably doing their part. There can hardly be too much relief for a situation which is reported to include the destruction of half the people of a large province, the devastation of a populous island and the leveling of rich cities in the dust. A hundred thousand dead

must imply many times that number injured. A million dollars can find work to do in Sicily and Calabria, apart from that of repairing material damages; and in the provision of whatever fund may be raised, Honolulu and Hawaii should have a part.

Hawaiians who are above the average age of the soldier will waste time in asking to be let into the army, especially when they couple with their application a request for home service only. The army would probably take some young Hawaiians who could meet the physical requirements, scattering them among the white troops, but they would have to be sent from point to point like other soldiers. They could not hope to be treated as a home guard.

The new Mayor's appointments include those of some Republicans who have made good in office and is a tribute to efficiency. Mr. Thurston, the fire chief; Mr. Frazee, the Superintendent of Electric Lights, and Mr. Gere, the County Engineer, will stay put. This is a policy which will please the taxpayers and strengthen confidence in the new administration.

The safety valve attachments of Aetna and Stromboli have never worked well as compared with those of volcanoes here and in several other parts of the world; though it is possible that, but for these vents, Sicily and Calabria would long ago have been blown into the air, as the Island of Krakatoa was.

What will happen when the 14-inch guns at Waikiki go off may be judged from the fact that the concussion of 10-inch guns in the naval bombardment of Wei-hai-Wei, in 1895, was felt, in the shaking of the paper windows of Chinese houses, at the Shantung Promontory, fifty-six miles away.

Mr. Ruef had a belated Christmas present of fourteen years' imprisonment. Let us all hope that the higher courts will cut any string that may have been tied to it. A sequestration of Ruef for fourteen years is none too long.

The earthquake in Sicily and Calabria occurred about the same time in the morning as did that of San Francisco.

## ALIIOLANI'S OPENING DEFERRED

In consequence of alterations now in progress at Aliiolani, the full opening of the school is postponed for one week. Boarders are, however, advised to return on January 4, as originally arranged, in order to retain their places. During the coming week short school lessons will be given, attendance at which by day boys is optional.

## CONTRACT REAWARDED.

McDougal, to whom was awarded the contract for building the four-room school at Honomakua, Kohala, has surrendered the award and forfeited his deposit check of \$100. The contract has been awarded to C. C. Carter of Hilo at his bid of \$5399.

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